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1. Fifteen trucks with pontoons, personnel and equipment were entrained at the Neustrelitz railroad station on 6 July. Trucks of the 9th Guards Tank Division, shuttling between the Sportlager and the railroad station, were involved in the entraining operation. A train loaded with 40 trucks and with six boxcars carrying personnel was observed passing through Neustrelitz on 7 July, enroute from the direction of Neubrandenburg toward Berlin.¹
2. Between the period of 1 to 6 July, 15 converted boxcars, 29 boxcars and 54 flatcars were dispatched from Justerbog and six converted boxcars, two boxcars and 40 flatcars from Forst Zinna. The trains were loaded with personnel, equipment and vehicles. The destination of these shipments remains undetermined.
3. On 3 and 4 July, 85 trucks loaded with pontoons and timber, 18 assault boats and personnel occupying 28 converted boxcars were entrained at the Dessau railroad station. The personnel and equipment came from the Elbelager Camp and left toward Bitterfeld. The motor vehicle

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were identified as belonging to the 8th Guards Army.²

4. On 25 June, the Flak Kaserne in Dresden-Nickern quartered about 3,000 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, tank, motor transport and signal insignia. Between 80 and 100 T-34 tanks and 12 armored scout cars were observed. On 1 July, only 20 T-34 tanks and ten scout cars were observed in the billeting area.³
5. Twenty T-34 tanks, SP guns and a sizeable number of tents and vehicles [redacted] of the 1st Mechanized Division were observed in Wuhlheide, East Berlin, on 8 July. A very large number of KVP vehicles were seen east of Treskow Allee, south of Karlhorst. No Soviet soldiers were seen in Berlin on 9 July. 25X1C
6. A large number of T-34 tanks, guns and vehicles were still observed in the Friedrichshain bivouac area on 8 July. About 90 T-34 tanks, guns and vehicles of the 12th Guards Tank Division were observed in the area bordered by Arnswalder Platz, Dimitroff, Pasteur, Kniproder and Werneucher Strassen.
7. About 150 T-34 tanks, probably belonging to the 12th Guards Tank Division, 1000 motor vehicles and a large number of guns were observed at Wuhlheide between 7 and 9 July. The assembly area was blocked off. Motor vehicles, mostly belonging to the 1st Mechanized Division and the 12th Guards Tank Division, were seen proceeding to the assembly area. 25X1A
8. On 9 July, about thirty trucks, probably belonging to the 12th Guards Tank Division, were seen at the Friedrichshain swimming pool. In the area referred to in paragraph 6 above, about 50 T-34 tanks, SP guns and 50 trucks were observed. Four temporary billeting buildings were under construction. About 1,000 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were served meals from four field kitchens. About 30 x 76.2 mm field guns, 500 soldiers and about 120 trucks of the 12th Guards Tank Division were observed at the Buergerpark in Pankow-South. Units with motor vehicles of the 12th Guards Tank Division were still seen in the woods west of Buch. 25X1A

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9. The 2nd VPL Regiment moved to Drewitz airfield between 15 and 19 June. VPL personnel and Soviet tanks were committed there on 18 June. No major incidents occurred.⁴
10. Twenty-nine MiG-15's and 18 IL-28's were observed at Jueterbog Altes-Lager airfield on 9 July.⁵
11. Between 18 June and 2 July, air activity on a very small scale only was noted at Finsterwalde airfield. Only 16 IL-28's were observed at the airfield on 2 July.⁶

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Comments:

1. It is believed that elements of the 20th Guards Engineer Battalion of the 9th Guards Tank Division from Neustralitz and elements of the 88th Engineer Regiment of the 2nd Guards Mechanized Army from Neubrandenburg left for exercises in the Rathenow-Jerichow area.
2. These shipments probably involved engineer units of the 8th Guards Army returning to their home stations.
3. According to other information, major elements of the 11 Guards Tank Division, which had arrived from Koenigsbrueck on 17 June, left Dresden
4. The 2nd VPL Regiment was previously stationed at Dresden-Klotzsche airfield.
5. Jueterbog Altes-Lager airfield is occupied by an air reconnaissance regiment equipped with IL-28's and a MiG-15 fighter regiment. Information to the effect that no IL-28's were stationed at the airfield has proved incorrect.

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6. A bomber regiment equipped with about 20 IL-28's was previously stationed at Finsterwalde airfield. Forty IL-28's were observed there between 28 and 30 June. It is believed that the additional planes were stationed only temporarily at the field.

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